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Attention: Sue Kiser

Attention: Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

With this letter, and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following amendment of the Butte County Association of Governments' (BCAG) 2006/07 - 2009/10 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
3	Local and Transit Elements <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Modifies the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5310 Program grouped projects listing per projects approved by the California Transportation Commission.• Programs "West Sacramento Avenue at Union Pacific Railroad" project (MPO Id: CHICO130) to eliminate rail crossing hazards. This project is funded from the Railroad/Highway At-Grade Crossing Program (Section 130). The amendment programs a total of \$500,000 in Fiscal Year 2007/08.

See Enclosures.

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration and FTA approve this FTIP Amendment No. 3 for inclusion into California's 2007 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP, in fiscal years beyond the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP, are not approved as part of this FTIP amendment and are for information only.

The updated programming is for project types within Table 2 - Exempt Projects, of 40 Code of Federal Regulations § 93.126 that are exempt from the conformity determination requirement. Therefore, this FTIP amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan. The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis. These projects are included and submitted by BCAG through the California Transportation Improvement Program System.

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In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. BCAG prepared this FTIP amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Abhijit Bagde, of my staff, at (916) 654-3638.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

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